



CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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4.29 MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM POLICY	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. POLICY

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation/California Correctional Health Care Services (CDCR/CCHCS) shall adopt a Medical Classification System (MCS) to serve as the system for considering medical factors in making inmate placement decisions. The MCS shall be used to match patients' medical needs with the capabilities of facilities and programs. The MCS is intended to:

- Ensure that all patients are assigned Medical Classification Factors that allow matching of medical needs to institutions/facilities to support efficient bed management.
- Eliminate redundant and unnecessary forms, screenings, and evaluations.
- Reduce or prevent inefficiencies caused by disparity between patient medical needs and facility capabilities and resources.
- Provide department-wide capacity to profile the medical needs of the patient population.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy and related procedure is to provide guidance to clinical and custody staff in considering medical factors in making inmate placement decisions. The policy also introduces a new CDCR 128-C3, Medical Classification Chrono.

III. DEFINITIONS

Institution Attributes: The important capacities, capabilities, and characteristics of institutions that affect the institution's ability and efficiency to provide medical services to patients with various Patient Attributes. For example, the institution has a 15 bed Correctional Treatment Center (CTC).

Medical Classification: The process of mapping Patient Attributes to Medical Classification Factors.

Medical Classification Factors: A set of data elements that abstract and connect the Patient Attributes and the Institution Attributes. For example "CTC Level of Care."

Medical Classification System: The system that provides the matching between inmates and institutions based on Patient Attributes and Institution Attributes. The system answers questions such as, "Where can Inmate Smith go?" The system includes the designation of the Patient and Institution Attributes and the processes necessary for the matching.

Medical Facility Designation: The process of mapping Institution Attributes to Medical Classification Factors.

Override: Permission has been granted to depart from the usual placement requirements for one or more Medical Classification Factors.

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Patient Attributes: The important medical characteristics, clinical needs, and chronic conditions that patients have which affect their placement into institutions. For example, the patient needs CTC level of care.

Permanent: Expected to last longer than six months.

IV. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MANUAL

All references to CDCR 128-C in Volume 4, Chapter 3, Section III. D., Medical Hold and Section III E., Medical and Return, of the Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures (IMSP&Ps) are replaced with CDCR 128-C3, Medical Classification Chrono.

The MCS makes “CMO-to-CMO” transfers other than “Medical and Return” unnecessary.

The MCS policy and procedure shall substitute for the following categories in the Department Operations Manual (which applied only to California Medical Facility, California Institution for Men, California Men’s Colony-E and the California Institution for Women’s Infirmary):

- 62080.4: Category H, Acute Medical Inpatient
- 62080.5: Category N, Medical Inpatient
- 62080.6: Category O, Medical Outpatient

The MCS supersedes the placement guidance from the Cocci identification and reporting memo, the HIV housing policy memo, transplant placement memo, pregnancy program placement memo, hemodialysis placement memo, and food handling policy memo.

The MCS does not modify the policies regarding the Tuberculosis Alert Codes, Disability Placement Program, Developmental Disability Program, Dental Classification System, or Mental Health Classification System.

V. REFERENCES

- *Plata v. Brown*, Order Granting Plaintiffs’ Motion for Relief Re: Valley Fever at Pleasant Valley and Avenal State Prisons, June 24, 2013
- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3379
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 58018, 70005(a), 72103, 79516, 79555
- Department Operations Manual, Sections 62080.1-62080.6
- IMSP&P, Volume 1, Chapter 12, Health Care Appeals Tracking Program
- IMSP&P, Volume 4, Chapter 3, Health Care Transfer Process
- California Out-of-State Correctional Facility Transfer Procedure memo
- Folsom Transitional Treatment Facility Medical Placement Criteria and Staffing, October 10, 2003
- Housing Policy for Inmate-Patients Identified with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection memo, November 17, 2008
- Medical Criteria for Fire Camp Program Eligibility memo, December 24, 2008
- Minimum Support Facility Screening Criteria memo, December 17, 2003